

## Subpart B—Vessel Movement Reporting System

### § 161.15 Purpose and intent.

(a) A Vessel Movement Reporting System (VMRS) is a system used to monitor and track vessel movements VTS or VMRS area. This is accomplished by requiring that vessels provide information under established procedures as set forth in this part, or as directed by the Center.

(b) To avoid imposing an undue reporting burden or unduly congesting radiotelephone frequencies, reports shall be limited to information which is essential to achieve the objectives of the VMRS. These reports are consolidated into three reports (sailing plan, position, and final).

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### § 161.16 Applicability.

Unless otherwise stated, the provisions of this subpart apply to the following vessels and VMRS Users:

(a) Every power-driven vessel of 40 meters (approximately 131 feet) or more in length, while navigating;

(b) Every towing vessel of 8 meters (approximately 26 feet) or more in length, while navigating; or

(c) Every vessel certificated to carry 50 or more passengers for hire, when engaged in trade.

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### § 161.17 Definitions.

As used in this subpart:

*Center* means a Vessel Traffic Center or Vessel Movement Center.

*Published* means available in a widely-distributed and publicly available medium (e.g., VTS User's Manual, ferry schedule, Notice to Mariners).

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### § 161.18 Reporting requirements.

(a) A Center may: (1) Direct a vessel to provide any of the information set forth in Table 161.18(a) (IMO Standard Ship Reporting System);

TABLE 161.18(a)—THE IMO STANDARD SHIP REPORTING SYSTEM

A	ALPHA .....	Ship .....	Name, call sign or ship station identity, and flag.
B	BRAVO .....	Dates and time of event	A 6 digit group giving day of month (first two digits), hours and minutes (last four digits). If other than UTC state time zone used.
C	CHARLIE .....	Position .....	A 4 digit group giving latitude in degrees and minutes suffixed with N (north) or S (south) and a 5 digit group giving longitude in degrees and minutes suffixed with E (east) or W (west); or.
D	DELTA .....	Position .....	True bearing (first 3 digits) and distance (state distance) in nautical miles from a clearly identified landmark (state landmark).
E	ECHO .....	True course .....	A 3 digit group.
F	FOXTROT .....	Speed in knots and tenths of knots.	A 3 digit group.
G	GOLF .....	Port of Departure .....	Name of last port of call.
H	HOTEL .....	Date, time and point of entry system.	Entry time expressed as in (B) and into the entry position expressed as in (C) or (D).
I	INDIA .....	Destination and expected time of arrival.	Name of port and date time group expressed as in (B).
J	JULIET .....	Pilot .....	State whether a deep sea or local pilot is on board.
K	KILO .....	Date, time and point of exit from system.	Exit time expressed as in (B) and exit position expressed as in (C) or (D).
L	LIMA .....	Route information .....	Intended track.
M	MIKE .....	Radio .....	State in full names of communications stations/frequencies guarded.
N	NOVEMBER .....	Time of next report .....	Date time group expressed as in (B).